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The first of the attached reports comes from regular sources in touch with adherents of the ex-shufti in Amman, and concerns the indefinite postponing of the proposed Arab peoples' congress; while the second report comes from the Levant States source responsible for our P/794 of 24th April, who acquired this information indirectly from one of the ex-shufti's Cairo lieutenants.

You may care to know that a regular Amman source has reported that according to two Palestinian adherents of Maj Amin now in Beirut, the attack on the U.S.I.S. centre in Damascus was the first of a series which were intended to be made against the British and American missions and property in the Arab States. The same source quoted another Palestinian supporter of the ex-shufti as saying that since the Palestinian Arabs and the Communists had a common enemy in the Anglo-Americans, they were getting to ether in clubs and societies in the various Arab capitals; the Palestinians were said to be finding this collaboration advantageous as the Communists were prepared to help them financially.

The above allegations should of course be treated with great reserve. Our appropriate representatives have been asked to make further enquiries.

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The Ittihad al Arabi and the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem

1. The proposed ~~Arab~~ ^{Arab Peoples'} Congress, sponsored by the ITTIHAD AL ARABI in CAIRO, has been postponed indefinitely. The main reason for the postponement is the continued absence of a propitious opportunity for the Congress to debate the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Sudan.
2. Haj AMIN al HUSAINI offered to take part in the Congress. This offer was rejected, however, by ALI MAHER Pasha on behalf of the ITTIHAD. ALI MAHER has been insistently opposed to the ex-Mufti's association with Egyptian political institutions.
3. The former Prime Minister's attitude towards Haj AMIN is becoming more universal throughout political circles in CAIRO. The ex-Mufti's prestige is currently at a low ebb and most groups in Egypt are now loath to be involved in his self-interested intrigues.
4. Nevertheless, since his return from Pakistan to CAIRO Haj AMIN has been lobbying for support for a Moslem Conference to be convened to discuss the possibilities of recovering all Palestine for the Arabs. During the last half of April he visited for this purpose the Pakistani and Indonesian Legations at CAIRO, the Sheikh of the AZHAR University, the head of the Moslem Brotherhood HASSAN RUDAIBI, and the President of the Young Mens' Moslem Association SALEH

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Activities of ^{H. al-Mu'ini} ~~Hasan al Muassini~~, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem (April 1952).

SUPREME COUNCIL OF MUSLIM CONGRESS - KARACHI.

1. (a) The Supreme Council of the Muslim Congress decided in the course of its recent meeting in KARACHI, that a Congress of Muslim Ulama be held in PAKISTAN to discuss the KASHMIR problem, and secure the support of the Muslim world for PAKISTAN in this matter.

The ex-Mufti is asking the following to attend this conference.

(Sheikh) RAFIQ KHAN,	formerly Sharia Judge in Palestine, now resident in BEIRUT.
(Sheikh) HASSAN ABU ASSAUD,	formerly SHAFI Mufti in Palestine, now in CAIRO.
(Sheikh) MUSTAFA SUBAI,	head of the Ikhwan el Muslimin in Syria.
(Sheikh) KAMEL EL QASSAB,	head of the DAMASCUS Ulama.
(Sheikh) ABD ALLAH MALLAH } (Sheikh) SILFIQ KHAN }	both leading Ulama of BEIRUT.

2. (b) The Council has also decided to hold a Congress of Moslem Peoples. Invitations to this are being sent out by KHALIQ AZ ZAMAN, a well known PAKISTANI.

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